Deferred Compensation Plan

Supplemental Retirement



Definition

- Voluntary supplemental retirement plan
- Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code
- Investing Pre-tax dollars
- Taxed at the time of distribution



Eligibility

- Employed by a participating employer
- At least 18 years of age
- Regularly funded position
- Works a minimum of 20 hours per week, 20 or more weeks per year.



Investing

- 11 eligible providers
- Can participate with multiple providers
- Can change providers at any time
- You select how your money is invested

Investing (cont.)

- Change contribution level at anytime (Need 30 Day Notice)
- Can do partial or full account transfers to another deferred compensation provider
- May change account allocations at any time

Annual Deferral Limits

Minimum

- \$25 per month
- Minimum required PEP contribution

Maximum

The lesser of:
 Annual Maximum per calendar year or 100% of Taxable Compensation



Annual Deferral Limits (cont.)

- 2005: \$14,000
- 2006: \$15,000
- After 2006, indexed in \$500 increments each calendar year

Includible Compensation

 Reduced by employer retirement contributions under a IRC 414(h) arrangement



Catch-up Provisions

Two Options:

- Age 50+ Annual Catch-up
- Regular 3-year Catch-up



Age 50+ Annual Catch-up

 Increases normal annual maximum limit

> 2005 \$4,000 2006 \$5,000 \$500 limits after 2006



Regular 3-Year Catch-Up

Applicable dollar limits per year:

2005 \$28,000 2006 \$30,000

- 3 consecutive calendar years
- One time only
- Cannot be used at the same time as the Age 50+ annual catch-up



LUMP SUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Compensation eligible for deferral:

- Lump sum payment for accrued annual leave
- Lump sum payment for unused sick leave
- Lump sum payment for back pay



Lump sum payments cont.

- Lump sum payment is subject to FICA before deferral
- Cannot exceed annual IRC limits
- **Severance pay or buyout distributions are not eligible to be deferred.

Distributions

Funds are available for distribution at specific times:

- Separation from employment
- An approved unforeseeable financial hardship
- Eligibility for deminimus distribution



Separation from employment includes:

- Retirement
- Disability
- Resignation
- Discharge
- Death



Distribution Payment Options

- Lump sum distribution
 - Subject to mandatory 20% federal income tax
- Periodic payment
 - Annual, semi-annual, quarterly, monthly
 - Not subject to 20% income tax
- Deferred distribution
 - Minimum distribution required at age 70
 unless employed

Unforeseeable Financial Hardship

- Resulting from sudden and unexpected unforeseeable circumstances as result of events beyond control of the participant.
- Subject to Board approval

Lump sum deminimus

- Account is less than \$5,000
- No deferrals for previous 24 months
- No previous distributions



Penalties

- No 10% withdrawal before age 59 ½
- Provider withdrawal penalties on some products

Rollovers

- To other 457 Plans
- 401(a), 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, IRA, or other tax qualified plans



Rollover Purchases

- 457 deferred compensation plan funds are eligible for plan to plan transfer for the purchase of service credit in the retirement plan.
- Transfer is not considered a distribution and is not subject to income tax
- May be subject to Provider penalty or fee

Taxes

- Income in the year received
- Reported on 1099R Form

Social Security

No effect on earnings limit



Upon Separation from Service

- NDPERS will send notice to you and your agent/provider company
- You must contact your agent for assistance in selecting a distribution option

